

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 11 and 12 and incorporate their subject matter into claims 1, 13 and 17 as shown below.

Please also add new claims 18-21 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of making a wall of a liquid crystal cell, comprising imparting a property to a layer of a material on the wall, said property being that liquid crystal molecules placed on the material on the wall in use of the cell adopt a preferred alignment,

the method comprising exposing the material to unpolarised or circularly polarized radiation from an oblique direction,

wherein the said property further includes imparting a preferred tilt as well as a preferred azimuthal alignment to such liquid crystal molecules,

wherein the radiation to which the material is exposed is zonewise patterned by interposing a microelement array between the source of the radiation and the material, and such liquid crystal molecules are zonewise aligned.

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13. (Twice Amended) A liquid crystal cell wall bearing a layer of material, wherein the material has been exposed to unpolarised or circularly polarised radiation from an oblique direction, wherein the radiation to which the material was exposed was zonewise patterned by interposing a microelement array between the source of the radiation and the material, and wherein the material can impart an alignment to liquid crystal molecules if placed on the material, wherein liquid crystal molecules placed on the material would be zonewise aligned.

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17. (Amended) A method of making a wall of a liquid crystal cell, comprising exposing a layer of a material on the wall to unpolarised or circularly polarised radiation from an oblique direction, wherein the material can impart a tilt and an azimuthal alignment to liquid crystal molecules if placed on the material,

wherein the radiation to which the material is exposed is zonewise patterned by interposing a microelement array between the source of the radiation and the material, and liquid crystal molecules placed on the material would be zonewise aligned.